



News from White Haven

Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, dedicated to Civil War General and 18th President Ulysses S. Grant and his wife, Julia Dent Grant, is located in south St. Louis County, Missouri.

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Very Grand Grant Opening



Associate Midwest Regional Director Jim Loach, Superintendent Mike Ward, Honorary Park Rangers Jack Goldman and Jeannine Cook, JEFF Superintendent Peggy O'Dell, and JNPA Executive Director David Grove cut the ribbon, officially marking the opening of the completed historic site.

On Saturday, June 16th, 124 years after the Grants' final trip to their St. Louis home, almost 700 visitors toured Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site for its Grand Opening. This event marked the conclusion of the park's multi-year, multi-million dollar development. Finally, the Visitor Center, historic structures, grounds, and the interpretive museum in the historic stable were completed and open to the public. Jeannine Cook and Jack Goldman, integral in saving the property and fostering its transition into the NPS, received Honorary Park Ranger awards prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Helping to mark the occasion, the 33rd Illinois Regimental

Band performed 19th century tunes, while the 8th Missouri Volunteer Infantry reenactors set up a Civil War encampment. Darrell Hedrick and his horse Sonny added a realistic feel to the stable, and woodcarving and storytelling were enjoyed by all. Dr. John Y. Simon, editor of *The Papers of U.S. Grant*, reflected on the Grants' journey from White Haven to the White House.

Throughout the day, park staff and volunteers provided interpretation around the site. But the day truly belonged to the park in celebration of the journey toward fulfilling its mission to preserve and interpret White Haven and its 19th century residents.